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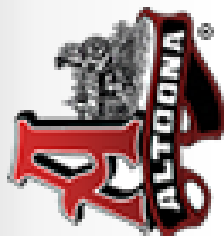
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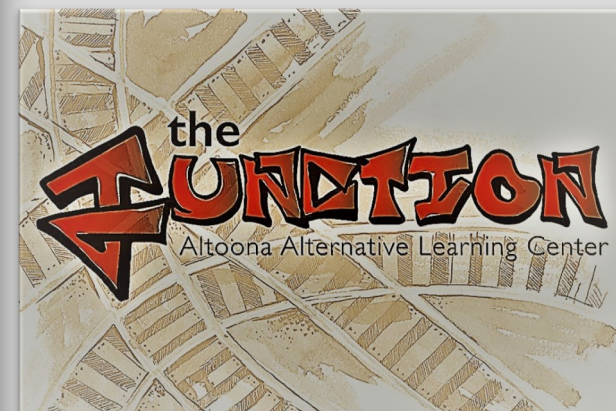
School District of Altoona

“Home of the Railroaders”



Altoona Alternative
Learning Center (AALC)

Altoona School District



*Where you uncover your
Strengths
And discover your
future*

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Overview

The AALC provides students with personalized alternative pathways to graduation focusing on student's individual needs.

This program gives students an option to participate in a program that includes:

- alternative methods of instruction & presentation
- Executive functioning
- rigorous curricula
- student-centered programming
- individual progress monitoring
- extending learning opportunities
- transition to postsecondary components

This program is open to students who are impacted by one or more of the following

- Credit Deficiency
- Health Concerns (physical and mental health)
- Extenuating Family Circumstances
- AODA Issues
- Other barriers to traditional education

Referral & Acceptance Process

Students interested in the Altoona Alternative Learning Center or GEDO #2 must apply and be accepted.

Application Process

1. Students & parents interested in the AALC complete the program application; Applications are available [online](#) or at the high school office
2. Applications are reviewed by the Pupil Services Team. A rating rubric is applied to determine appropriate placement for the student
3. Student & parents are notified of decision. If accepted, a meeting will be scheduled to design a plan.

Graduation Credit Requirements

This pathway involves a combination of classes and supports in the high school and the AALC program and follows the Wisconsin graduation requirements.

This pathway requires the student to complete the following credits :

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Math
- 3 credits of Social Studies
- 3 credits of Science
- 1.0 credits of Physical Education
- .5 of Health
- .5 credits of Personal Finance
- 1.5 additional credits directed by Individualized Graduation Plan (emphasizing Career and College Readiness)

Credits may be completed through a combination of courses and supports provided through the AALC, traditional offerings through the high school, online course offerings, and vocational or work experience.

Students completing this pathway will earn a regular high school diploma from the Altoona School District.



COMPETENCY/GEDO#2

This pathway is available to students who are:

- 17 years old or older
- Significantly credit deficient and at risk of not completing the requirements for a high school diploma

Prior to acceptance, students must successfully complete a 3-4 week trial period during which they:

- Maintain a 90% attendance rate
- Make good academic preparation progress
- Maintain good conduct and behavior
- Secure employment
- Demonstrate a 9th grade Reading Level

At successful completion of the trial period, a meeting is held to complete the student's official GEDO#2 application that is submitted to the Wisconsin State Department of Public Instruction.

Competency/GEDO#2 students are required to:

- Participate in the academic learning activities in the Alternative Learning Center a minimum of 15 hours/week
- Successfully demonstrate proficiency in the core academic areas: ELA, Science, Social Studies, and Math, through ACT, or GED Testing or Credits completion
- Meet additional program competencies in the areas of: Employment, Vocational, Volunteerism, and Exit Interview
- Complete coursework in Civics, Health, Personal Finance, and Physical Education

Alternative Education Philosophy

Alternative Education is a student-centered option that supports and embraces the diverse needs of students by providing an alternative method of delivering instruction and monitoring academic success. Rigorous curricula, intervention programs, extended learning opportunities and safe environments are characteristics of Alternative Education programs.